**Creating Your Photostory Project**

*These instructions are written for use of Photstory 3 within the Montgomery County Public School system.*

Opening Photo Story

To begin a new story, open Photo Story 3 from the school menu, under 2. Applications.

**To open Photo Story**

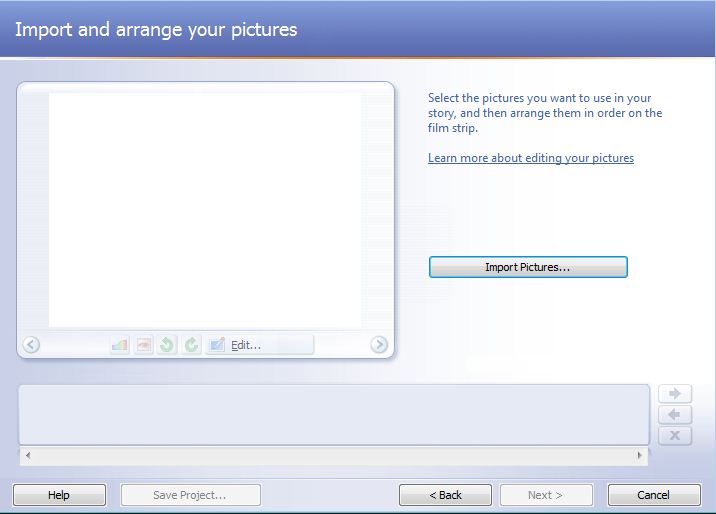
1. On the welcome page, click **Begin a new story**, and then click **Next**.



1. Next
2. Begin

Importing and arranging your pictures

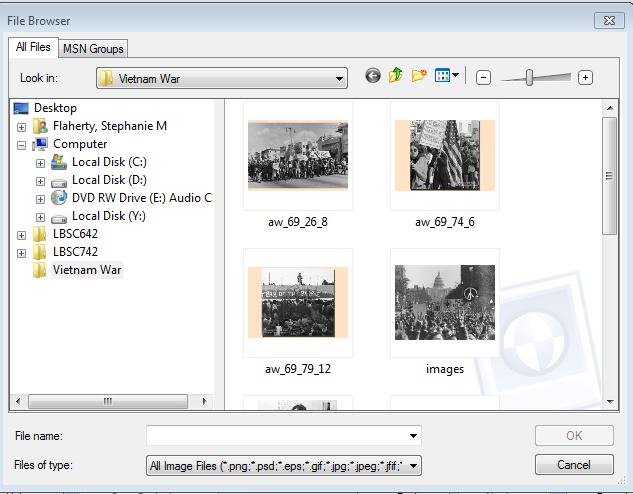
First, add the pictures that you want to use in the story, and then arrange them in the order that they will be viewed.



1. Import Pictures

**To add pictures to your photo story**

1. On the **Import and arrange your pictures** page, click **Import Pictures**.
2. In the **File Browser** dialog box, browse to **S:\\My Documents\My Pictures**.



1. Add the pictures that you want, and then click **OK**.

To add more than one picture at a time, press and hold the CTRL key and click the pictures you want to add.

1. When you are finished making changes to your pictures, click **Next**.

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* You can quickly make changes to your photos after adding them to the filmstrip. To rotate the photo, adjust the color, fix red eye, or add effects, click the photo, and then click **Edit**. You can also right-click a photo in the filmstrip to perform these actions.

Adding a title to your pictures

With Photo Story 3, you can add text to a picture to create a title for your story.



5. Next

1. The text box

4. Align options

2. Select Font

**To add text to your pictures**

1. On the **Add a title to your pictures** page, click the first picture, and then, in the text box to the right of the picture, type **the title of your digital story**.
2. Click the **Select Font** button.
3. In the **Font** dialog box, under **Font style**, click **Bold**, and then click **OK**.
4. To move the title on the page, choose an **Align** button.
5. When you are finished adding text to your pictures, click **Next**.

Narrating your pictures

You can add narration and custom pan and zoom effects to your photo story to make it more unique and personal.

To add narration to your story you need to have a working microphone attached to your computer and set up correctly. A wizard will help you set up your microphone to record narration. There is also a text input area to create cue cards, which can be a helpful memory aid when narrating your pictures.



7. Preview

4. Cue Card area

5. Record button

**To add narration to your photo story**

1. On the **Narrate your pictures and customize motion** page, click the **Microphone** button.

The **Sound Hardware Test Wizard** will appear.

1. Follow the instructions in the wizard. When you have completed the instructions, your microphone should be ready to record narration.
2. Click a picture in the filmstrip.
3. Add any desired text in the cue card area.
4. To start recording, click the **Record Narration** button.

The red dot in the record button will flash to indicate that recording is taking place. A timer is provided to help you keep track of your narration length.

1. When you have finished narrating the picture, click the **Stop Recording** button.
2. To preview your narration, click the first picture in the filmstrip, and then click **Preview**.
3. Close the preview window, and then click **Next**.

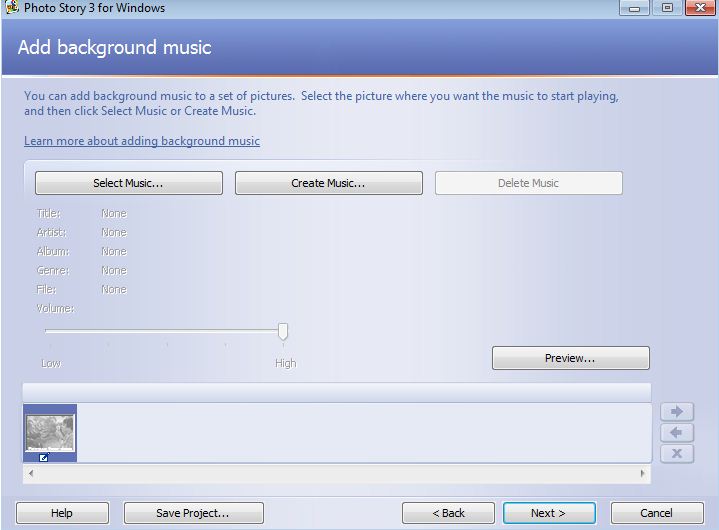
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* Narration for each picture cannot exceed 5 minutes.

Adding background music

With Photo Story 3, you can add music to your story by using WMA, MP3, or WAV files, or by using the Create Music option to create custom music.



Choose this to select your own music

Choose this to select music within the Photostory program

**To add pre-recorded (personally selected) music to your photo story**

1. On the **Add background music** page, click the first picture in the filmstrip, and then click **Select Music**.
2. On the **File Open** dialog box, in the left pane, click H:\\**My Documents\My Music.**
3. Browse to **My Music\Sample Music**, click **Beethoven's Symphony No9 (Scherzo).wma**, and then click **Open**.

The music you just added is shown as a colored bar above the picture in the filmstrip. This helps you determine which pictures will be shown for each piece of music you add, and is particularly helpful when you add more than one song to your story.

**To create music for your photo story**

1. Click the third picture in the film strip, and then click **Create Music**.
2. In the **Create Music** dialog box, in the **Genre** drop-down list, select **Soundtrack**.
3. In the **Style** drop-down list, select **Soundtrack: Mysterious Cave**.
4. You can leave the default **Bands** and **Moods**, or choose different ones.
5. To hear the music, click **Play**.
6. When the music has finished playing, click **OK**.

The music you just added is shown as a colored bar above the picture in the filmstrip.

1. To see how well your music fits the story, click the first picture in the filmstrip, and then click **Preview**.

You may want to adjust the music volume levels. To do this, click the picture in the filmstrip, and then adjust the volume slider bar. You may need to adjust the volume and preview your story a few times to get it the way you want.

1. When you're done, click **Next**.

Saving your story

When you save your photo story, all the pictures, narrations, and music are compiled into a video file that you can view in Windows Media Player. You can use the default options if you're saving your photo story for playback on your computer.

**To save your photo story for playback on your computer**

1. On the **Save your story** page, verify that **Save your story for playback on your computer** is selected in the activities list.
2. Click **Browse** to specify the location and file name of your story.
3. On the **Save As** dialog box, browse to **My Documents\My Videos**.
4. In the **Filename** text box, type **My First Story.wmv**.
5. Click **Save**, and then click **Next**.

Viewing your story

After your story is saved, the **Completing Photo Story 3 for Windows** page will appear. You can view your newly created story or begin a new story from here. To see what you have created, click **View your story**.